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## **The Netherlands**

### **Poultry and Products**

#### **New Possible Outbreak of Avian Influenza Virus**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**New possible outbreak of Avian Influenza near the border with Belgium.**

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***Possible Avian Influenza Outbreak in the South West of the Netherlands***

Yesterday, March 10, a new possible outbreak of Avian Influenza was reported near the village of Breskens in the Province of Zeeland. Breskens is located in the peripheral South West of The Netherlands, and only about 10 kilometers from the border with Belgium but 150 kilometers from the pre-existing Control Areas in Gelderland. The Ministry of Agriculture imposed a Control Area of 10 kilometers around the suspect farm.

***The Avian Influenza Outbreak in Gelderland Is Still Spreading***

In Gelderland, in the center of The Netherlands, the number of suspect farms and positively diagnosed farms increased from 25 to 50 during the past four days. Of these farms, 28 farms have been positively diagnosed for avian influenza. Because of the increased number of suspect and diseased farms, the Ministry of Agriculture enlarged the Control Area around Barneveld. The Ministry expects a second wave of outbreaks this week based on a ten day incubation period for the virus. The Dutch Organization of Poultry Farmers expect that the Avian Influenza outbreak in Gelderland may spread eastwards. As of, yesterday, one million head of poultry have been culled.